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Tribute to Trefny

Laurie Cornell

This July will mark the end of a long and highly decorated career for a man who graced the Colorado School of Mines campus with his wisdom of physics and ended up leading it into the future.

President John Trefny is officially retiring in July of 2006. President Trefny first joined the Mines community in 1977 as an assistant professor in the Department of Physics.

At that time, the physics department was a service department that had not implemented its PhD program. Because the physics department was still developing, President Trefny was able to assist in shaping the program that current students now enjoy.

Besides teaching physics at Mines, President Trefny also participated in research in various fields of condensed matter physics including amorphous materials, liquid and solid helium, superconductivity and photovoltaics.

He was among the first professors in the physics department to receive a research grant from the National Science Foundation. At that time, President Trefny was quickly becoming a leader who would help shape the environment at Mines for decades to come.

Since his days in the classroom, President Trefny has held many prestigious positions on the Mines campus. He became the Head of the Department of Physics in 1990, and then the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty in 1995.

What's unusual about Trefny's advancement through the academic ranks is that President Trefny did not apply for any of the positions that he has held at Mines. Each new position was offered to him for acceptance.

Similar circumstances arose when he became the president of the college in 2000. President Trefny's willingness to accept these difficult appointments demonstrates his overwhelming loyalty to and love of Mines.

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Chairlifts in Full Swing

As the sun glazed the tops of the mountain, skiers and snowboarders alike waited this past Friday for that special moment that only comes once a year - the opening of Loveland Ski Area and the beginning of the ski season.

Loveland Ski Area fired-up their lifts at 9 a.m. MST Friday morning making them the first resort in North America to open for the sixth year in a row. Recent snowfall combined with Loveland's snowmaking efforts enabled Loveland to kick-off the

2005-06 ski season a week earlier than average.

Just 53 miles from Denver, locals love Loveland for its deep snow, friendly, low-key atmosphere, lack of lift lines, free slopeside parking, and separate beginner area offering an un-intimidating learning environment.

"The recent push from mother nature in combination with our snow-making efforts has enabled Loveland Ski Area to kick off the 05/06 season," said John Sellers, Marketing Director.

The opening involved only one run with a snow base of between 18 and 21 inches.

Each year, opening day is a celebration for skiers and snowboarders who have been waiting all summer long to return to the snow-covered mountains.

In addition to the open run, a small terrain park was set up near the base of the mountain for eager jibbers.

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The ABC's on C and D

Paul Johnson

This November the nation will watch Colorado voters as they decide fate of the state budget.

Registered voters were given the responsibility when the Colorado legislature sent Referendum C and D to the people for a vote.

Voters will decide whether or not to "debruce," if they want to receive larger tax returns for the next five years and if the state can spend the excess revenue.



"Referenda C & D are not just legislation to save the state budget, but the future of the young people in the State of Colorado," Ryan Balchuck, President of the Colorado School of Mines College Democrats, urges Colorado residents to look at the bigger picture as November 1st approaches. "If we

allow C & D to fail, it would make it more beneficial for most students to go directly into the workforce after high school, then to pursue higher education."

While some students are prepared to make statements concerning the issue of C & D, there are others who feel that they know too little about the issue to form an opinion.

The Tax Payers Bill of Rights [TABOR] amended the Colorado State Constitution in 1992, to keep the state government from growing out of control.

It restricts the amount of revenue that the state is allowed to collect to the amount allocated the previous year, plus the growth in population and inflation. Any money collected over this amount must be returned to the taxpayers. This ratchet effect has kept state revenues down since the recession of 2001.

Although the states economy has recovered since then, tax revenues have not been able climb back up to the level they would have been at had there been no recession.

"Referendums C and D aren't tax

rate increases any more than increased federal revenues from a growing economy under President George W. Bush constitute a 'Bush tax increase,' Neil Westergaard, the editor of the Denver Business Journal, described briefly in an editorial. "Are [Colorado Republicans] prepared to tell the GOP president he's raising taxes because the government is taking in more money



because the economy is growing? I don't think so."

"We can deliver better schools, better roads and better health care. By educating our children and by repairing our infrastructure, we can bring more good jobs to Colorado. And under this plan, we can achieve those goals without raising taxes," House Speaker Andrew Romanoff said in The Bell Action Network.

Referendum C will suspend the revenue limitations set by TABOR for a five-year period.

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Food Bank Feeding Colorado's Children, Seniors

Even in this land of plenty, many people don't even have enough to eat. Some have nothing at all.

But agencies like Food Bank of the Rockies are working valiantly to combat such negative effects of poverty.

"I've been pushed into a situation where the choice was either eat or pay a bill and starve. They've been there and provided the food we otherwise wouldn't have had," Sally Scott, a patron of the Food Bank explained.

Approximately 264,000 people within the Food Bank of the Rockies service area live in poverty; even more struggle to meet their basic food needs. The Food Bank services 31 counties within in Colorado and all of Wyoming.

Donations of food and funds become millions of pounds of food and household products distributed to people in need through hunger-relief programs in Northern Colorado and Wyoming.

"Metro CareRing counts on Food Bank of the Rockies to diversify our food offerings. Our partnership helps us to maintain nutritionally balanced packages of food for the people we serve," Tori Ford of Metro CareRing said.

The Food Bank has four main programs including the Children's Nutrition Network, Denver's Table, Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope and Reclamation which serve needy children, the elderly, the ill and the working poor.

The Children's Nutrition Network is a trio of programs that work to feed hungry children. When children are not provided with adequate nutrition on a daily basis, they have more disciplinary problems, score lower on tests, miss more school and face serious health risks, according to the Food Bank.

"Our association with the Food Bank of the Rockies allows us to realize our dream to provide food assistance to needy children while at child care, and to their families with food boxes during those difficult periods when they need it most," Maria Esquerra, Little Giants Learning Center said.

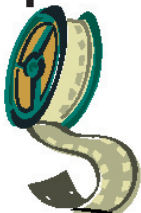
Kids Café, After School Snacks for Tutoring and Kids Menu make up the Children's Nutrition Network program. Kids Café and After School Snacks for Tutoring provide snacks and meals to organizations that provide service to at risk and low-income children.

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Budget Decided Nov. 1

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The state government hopes to raise nearly 3.1 billion dollars over the course of the next five years. The bill stipulates that rather than returning the funds to the Colorado taxpayers, the money will be reallocated to Colorado K-12 schools, community and state colleges, health services for low income individuals and families, and for the repayment of bonds issued under Referendum D.

Referendum C has no effect on tax rates. Nor does it affect state or federal income tax returns. TABOR refunds will be withheld, but any amount that an individual overpaid on the amount of taxes that they owed will be repaid to them.

Referendum D will not pass without Referendum C. Once voters pass Referendum C, Referendum D allows the state government to issue up to \$1.56 billion in bonds. Though this number is dependent on economic conditions at the time that they will be issued, the referendum insures that the money will go to projects vital to the health of the state. These projects include: a list of roads and bridges that must be built or replaced in the state of Colorado, the repair of dilapidated K-12 and college buildings, and \$175 million for the state to match local funds for fire and police officers pension plans.

Colorado universities will have to replace lost funding if C and D fail the November election. Balchuck wonders, "All the time speeches are made to us that we are the future of this world. However, what are the leaders of our state saying when they add more of the state's and country's debt onto our backs?"



Mayor Hickenlooper jumping out of a plane to make his point



"Important Stuff...Important Government Stuff." -Politician

Pledge Education

For some fraternities their organizations and rituals have been around for decades or for more than a century. Throughout their time educational programs for pledges/new members have always been in place. It gives these pledges a better understanding of the commitment they are making to their organization and an overall history of the brotherhood within the fraternity.

In the past few years, fraternities seem to be in the scrutiny of the media at all times. The media focuses on the negative aspects and fails to report about the good done by Greek organizations.

Here at the Colorado School of Mines, each fraternity takes an active role in pledge/new member education programs. Each of the Greek chapters takes pride in their educational programs and strives to make their men better people for the benefit of themselves and society.

At the Beta Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, everyone is encouraged to get involved with the campus through IM sports, clubs, and organizations, and through ten hours of community service. Beta Theta Pi holds study sessions before tests, and a 2.5 GPA must be obtained before being initiated.

Over the course of the pledge semester, pledges learn about the fraternity's history and traditions. On Fridays, the Beta Theta Pi pledges work on activities that promote team building and enhance leadership skills. There is no tolerance for hazing, and the pledge program is reviewed by actives and new initiates often.

After rough times in the 80's and early 90's, Sigma Phi Epsilon looked to the words of one of its founders. Carter Ashton Jenkins said, "This

fraternity will be different." In the fall of 1992, SigEp truly became different with the implementation of the Balanced Man Program.

This program was the first of its kind, abolishing the pledge system. Upon joining, members have all the privileges of any other member of SigEp, voting and otherwise. In most eyes, this is an improvement upon the two-tiered pledge system. The program's main objective is "Building Balanced Leaders for the World's Communities". It is centered on com-

the ritual, which has been split up into four separate ceremonies. There is also an optional stage known as Fellow only achieved by about 10 students nationally every year.

Sigma Nu as a national fraternity and at CSM has always stood against hazing because they were founded to stop hazing at Virginia Military Institute.

The problem they faced was to find a way for members to prove that they have what it takes to be a Sigma Nu, but to do so without doing anything that is considered hazing. This led to the establishment of a program called LEAD (Leadership Ethics Achievement Development).

LEAD is used as the candidate education program and focuses on developing each member as an ethical leader with strong moral character. With sessions about what is means to be in a fraternity, values, ethics, history, leadership, working in groups, and much more.

When the candidate completes the program and shows the desire and character needed to be a part of the fraternity then they can be initiated. By treating each candidate as a man and putting them through this program, Sigma Nu tries to help them develop as a person and thus be a more valuable part of the community and the Sigma Nu organization. By developing each candidate through their LEAD program, they simultaneously evaluate each candidate making sure each candidate will be a good Sigma Nu.

If you would like more information about CSM fraternities or the Greek community as whole please call 303.273.3970.



munity involvement, mentoring, experiential learning, and brotherhood.

The program itself is a self-paced four-year developmental process. New members are part of the Sigma Challenge, where the goal is to become accustomed with the chapter and the campus. When completed, they will go through the Phi Rite of Passage, which enters them into the Phi Challenge. Next is the Epsilon Rite of Passage, followed by Brother Mentor. "Rite of Passage" refers to

Trefny Departure Change for CSM

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President Trefny sees a niche developing in the world that Mines is prepared to fill. Mines specializes in areas of study that are needed now more than ever.

Currently, developing countries seek School of Mines' aid because they need to utilize their natural resources in an environmentally conscious manner. As more countries begin to evolve into industrial powers, the skills practiced on the Mines campus will be highly sought after.

Therefore, Mines is poised to become an extremely important learning center for the people who will be shaping the world of tomorrow.

Even though President Trefny's tenure at Mines was long and sometimes strenuous, he says that he is going to miss being a part of campus developments.

During his term as President, Dr. Trefny has tried to foster the ideal of a connected learning community. He hopes that the campus community will be able to work together to achieve the same goals in harmony. President Trefny believes that this will be a defining aspect of Mines in the future.

Twenty years from now, President Trefny would like to visit Mines and see a vibrant campus with students who enjoy their courses of study. He hopes that there will be new buildings and energized discussions about science and technology. Overall, he has a very positive outlook for the future of Mines.

The Mines community has been an important part of President Trefny's life. He witnessed the construction of the Center for Technology and Learning Media (CTLM), the General research building, and the renovation of every building on campus except for Meyer Hall.

He will leave mere months before the opening date for the new recreation center, but he is planning to attend as many games and events as possible.

His presidential term was the stage for the development of the strategic plan and the Mines master plan. Both of these models are meant to assist in the development of Mines into one

of the top engineering schools in the country.

Current students may be frustrated by the constant construction and street closures, but they will be rewarded later when they can declare that their alma mater is the foremost institution in mineral and earth sciences and engineering.

President Trefny has served this institution for nearly 29 years and is saddened that the end of his term is growing near, but he is also looking forward to being able to focus more on his personal life.

The President and his wife are eager to repair and improve their house, which has been neglected during the last five years. They are also excited



President John Trefny

about the possibility of taking a vacation that does not involve work and does not have to be cut short because something happened at the college.

Many people at the Colorado School of Mines will miss President Trefny. He accepted his current position in the face of adversity and succeeded in making his term extremely successful.

His adventurous mind and almost inexhaustible drive to improve Mines have helped to shape this institution into a truly amazing school.

President Trefny has been a part of the Mines community for longer than most of the students who attend the school are old, but he still finds the energy to be exceedingly enthusiastic about the future of the institution.

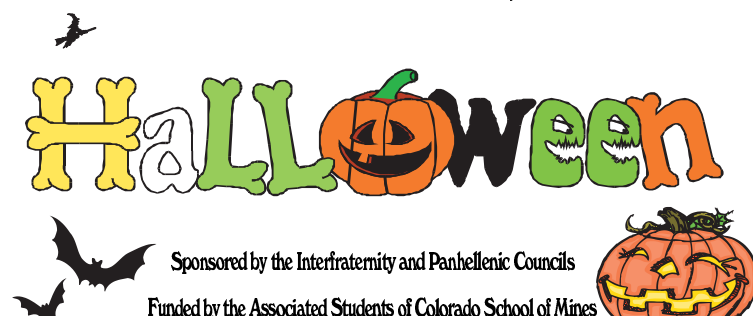
The Greek Community of the Colorado School of Mines proudly presents:



Join us **October 31st from 5PM-10PM** on West Campus Drive!!

Come to trick-or-treat through the school fraternities! Sorority members will escort children from house to house. Hot chocolate and candy will be served!

For more information call Student Activities, 303 273 3931



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Ski Resorts Make Big Changes for 05-06 Season

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It was a party atmosphere everywhere, and especially at the base where there was music, prizes and freebies for lucky spectators and competitors, Sellers explained.

Loveland Ski Area is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends and designated holidays. Early season lift tickets cost \$38 for adults and \$18 for children (ages 6-14). Loveland discounted season passes and '4-Paks' will be available through November 21st, 2005. Season passes and '4-Paks' are available online at www.skiloveland.com, by phone at 1-800-736-3SKI, or at the Denver Ski Expo November 4-6, 2005.

The latest snowstorm, which came to Colorado from the north and missed the entire western United States, brought over two feet of snow to areas in the Colorado high country.

Arapahoe Basin was a tough contender in the race to open. They reported 3ft. snow drifts at the base of the mountain earlier this week and are still digging out from the storm. Arapahoe Basin is scheduled to open on Friday, Oct. 21 but could open earlier if conditions warrant.

The following is a brief listing of the individual improvements for various Colorado resorts:

ARAPAHOE BASIN

Arapahoe Basin will expand its legendary Montezuma Bowl area adding up to 400 acres of new open bowl skiing. The terrain will offer more open bowl skiing for intermediates and above average skiers and riders as well as offer steep chutes and cornices for experts and above. The terrain is expected to be 100 percent open for the 2006-07 winter season.

The resort is also making significant



upgrades to its new rental, repair and guest services center.

ASPEN/SNOWMASS

The new Deep Temerity lift and terrain at Highlands will open for the 2005-06 season. The lift will access new advanced and expert terrain below Highland Bowl, Steeplechase and Temerity. New terrain opening next season will include the extensions of South Castle, Kessler Bowl and Sodbuster to almost double in length, plus an additional 1,000 ft. of vertical below Highland Bowl. In subsequent years, additional glading and trail work will bring the potential development of this area to 270 total acres.

BRECKENRIDGE

Breckenridge Ski Resort is focusing on two major projects for this season and into next summer.

First is the new lift that will take skiers and riders to the top of Peak 8.

This new high-speed quad will take expert skiers and riders to 12,840 ft.--the highest lift-served terrain in North America—accessing Breckenridge's famed in-bounds extreme terrain including Imperial Bowl, North Bowl, Whale's Tail and Lake Chutes.

The second project Breckenridge Ski Resort is working on is the Skyway Skiway. This new way down the mountain will take skiers and riders from Peak 8 all way down to free parking lots in town.

COPPER MOUNTAIN

Copper is building a new Superpipe near the base of the mountain, just west of the American Eagle Lift. Copper is bringing the 500 ft. long Superpipe to the guests with little more than 200 ft. separating the bottom from the base of the Eagle. The base pipe is expected to host team training, competitions, events and more throughout the season.

CRESTED BUTTE

Crested Butte continues with its multi-million dollar resort-wide improvements. The face-lift that began last year at Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) due to the purchase by Tim and Diane Mueller is already in high gear.

DURANGO (PURGATORY)

Purgatory continues developing as part of the resort's 25 year plan. This year's expansion includes a face-lift for the Columbine Area, including construction of the Alpenglow townhomes and the re-location of the magic carpet and SnowCoaster tubing hill. The magic carpet will move to the base area, adjacent to Chair 4 and Hoody's Base Camp, while the SnowCoaster tubing hill will move its landing zone farther from the highway entrance.

ELDORA

Eldora Mountain continues its dedication to great snow quality. The resort will be adding 30 new York tower guns to its snowmaking system this year. The new snowmaking guns are more efficient and quieter than previous models. As a result, the new guns also produce a much higher quality of snow.

KEYSTONE

Keystone's new guided snowcat tours is just the ticket to give advanced to expert skiers/riders their first taste of untouched terrain without the typical 30-40 minute hike. Instead, a heated snowcat whisks skiers and riders to more than 860 acres of bowl skiing/riding in just 10-15 minutes. As part of the program, skiers and riders must participate in an introductory avalanche awareness talk where they learn to judge slope angle, how to

pick safe lines, where not to ski, how to ski, who to ski with, what equipment they'll need and how to use the equipment.

MONARCH

Monarch Mountain is adding 12 new runs and bowl skiing in Mirkwood Basin (Southbound, East Trees, Staircase, Mirkwood Trees, Mirkwood Bowl, Orcs, and Elation Ridge). The new runs are perfect for the double-diamond daredevils. All the new terrain will be categorized as advanced/expert terrain. In total, the new runs will add an additional 130 acres of challenging skiing and riding terrain.

STEAMBOAT

Steamboat is spending \$1.5 million in capital improvements for the 2005/06 season. Over the past five years, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation has invested over \$9 million in the resort.

VAIL

Vail's grooming initiative is in phase two this season which means after increasing the capacity to manicure 30 percent more terrain each night, nine cats will be replaced in the lineup for 2005-2006 ensuring the most modern fleet available. On average Vail grooms 1,300-1,600 acres of terrain per night, which is more than most resorts contain.

WINTER PARK

For the 2005-2006 ski season Winter Park Resort has spent \$9 million in capital improvements, including an extensive remodel of Mary Jane's Club Car restaurant, enhanced tree skiing at Mary Jane and replacing the Summit Express chairlift with a high-speed detachable 6-pack newly named Super Gauge Express.



Expand Your Energy Horizons

Discover How Renewable Energy and Education Are Part of Humanitarian Engineering

Join Us for a Roundtable Discussion

David R. Munoz

Director of CSM / Engineering Division will discuss the new minor and opportunities in Humanitarian Engineering at Colorado School of Mines.

Neville Williams

Author of the new book, *Chasing The Sun: Solar Adventures Around the World*, joins us from Washington, DC to discuss solar energy projects in developing countries.

Rex & LaVonne Ewing

Colorado authors and publishers of renewable energy books will discuss living and working off the grid.

Cynthia Howell

Director of NREL Office of Education will discuss the educational activities & opportunities in renewable energy.

Friday, October 28

Noon to 1:15 pm

CSM Student Center, Ball Room B

Food and refreshments will be served

For more information: Marcelo Godoy Simões – msimoes@mines.edu

THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

SUGGESTED TOPICS

Reflect on the most profound moral dilemma you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.

Examine the ethical aspects or implications of a major literary work, a film, or a significant piece of art.

What is the relation between religion and ethics in today's world?

How can ethics transform for the better a community, institution, or nation?

What is the relationship between genocide and ethics?

The Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is an annual competition for college students. Full-time juniors and seniors at accredited four-year colleges and universities in the US are invited to enter the Essay Contest and compete for \$10,000 in prizes and the opportunity to meet Elie Wiesel in New York City.



GUIDELINES & ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.eliewiesel.foundation.org

DEADLINE: DEC. 9, 2005

A Letter From President Trefny

Dear Colorado School of Mines Community,

I am writing to let you know, prior to next week's public announcement, that Sharon and I have informed the Board of Trustees of our intention to retire on July 31, 2006. The decision was difficult, as I have served the School continuously for nearly 28 years, and will forever consider this my professional home.

You have all played an important role in my years here, and I thank you. I also ask you to join me in making the next 14 months a positive, productive time. We must commit to maintaining our momentum on initiatives in progress, and also commit to developing new ideas and solutions for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This is not a time yet for farewells. There is too much to be accomplished!

This is a time to fully support the Board as they begin discussions concerning the search for my successor. Sharon and I will do everything we can to make the search, and the transition that follows, successful. I know you will also. It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past five years.

During this final year, I will communicate often with you--summarizing our past accomplishments, explaining the transition policy, celebrating our continued progress on the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan, and planning for the future of Colorado School of Mines. It will be an exciting year for this great institution.

I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John U. Trefny

Colorado School of Mines Presidential Search Time Line

August 2005

- Hire staff
- Obtain and furnish office space, including computer & e-mail, fax, phone, post office box, and supplies

September 2005

- Finalize position description and ad
- Initiate contact with constituency groups
- Select publications for the ad
- Begin publishing the ad (for 8 weeks)
- Consider whether letters should be sent soliciting nominations, and if so, to whom
- Develop a website to provide campus updates on the search process

October 2005

- Develop communications materials to send to candidates
- Continue publishing ads
- Continue consultations with constituency groups
- Develop a rating sheet for applications
- Develop a telephone reference guide and questions

November 2005

- Begin review of applications
- Continue consultations with constituency groups

December 2005

- Make the first cut
- Develop interview questions
- Continue consultations with constituency groups

January – February 2006

- Narrow the field
- Continue consultations with constituency groups
- Begin interview process (off-site and on-campus)
- Contact references, conduct background/credential checks; compile feedback from on-campus interviews, make site visits
- Determine finalists

March 2006

- Make offer

April 2006

- Make a public announcement

August 2006

- New president installed



This past weekend, pirates took over CSM! The Softball team was victorious in the powderpuff football game, while Alli Nold and Ryan Grady won Queen and Beast, respectively. The winner of the float competition, and in overall competition was Sigma Phi Epsilon/Sigma Kappa, while Joe Mama of Sigma Phi Epsilon won the chili cookoff.



Colorado School of Mines PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the position of President of Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

Colorado School of Mines is a public research university recognized globally for its unique mission in engineering, applied science and related disciplines, with a special emphasis on its four focus areas of Earth, Energy, Materials, and Environment.

Small and select by design, Colorado School of Mines enrolls 3,100 undergraduate and 800 graduate students. Admission standards are among the highest in the country for a public university.

Mines alumni hold positions of leadership in their fields worldwide, and each year new graduates enjoy an exceptionally high placement rate, as well as starting salaries well above the national average. Mines has a high per-student endowment for a public institution.

The next President shall have extraordinary vision, building on the School's strong foundation in the extractive and energy fields, while providing leadership during an era of change in engineering and applied science education.

With demonstrated expertise in management - and exceptional skills in interpersonal relations and communications - the President will interact effectively with all constituencies, enhancing the School's 131-year tradition of excellence.

Nominations and applications will be accepted until a new president is selected. However, review of applications will begin on November 22, 2005.

**Colorado School of Mines
Presidential Search Committee
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pressearch@mines.edu**

For more information, including a complete position description, please refer to our Web site at:

<http://www.mines.edu/Admin/president/search/>

Please note that the Colorado Public Records Act allows confidentiality of application materials only when a written request is made by the candidate. CSM is an EEO/AA employer and is committed to enhancing the diversity of its campus community. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

BlasterCard Takes Off

CSM has upgraded to a new ID Card system, the BlasterCard. Replacing the old laminated identification cards, the new BlasterCards allow students to use the same card to get into the Slate Café, football games and even into buildings after hours in some cases. Kristin Stolsmark is the new Campus ID Card Manager, located in the BlasterCard office, 238 Student Center.

Students and faculty have also taken advantage of the BurroBucks and Gold Dollars feature on the new card system. Gold Dollars can be used in the ARAMARK dining locations, including the I-Club, Java City, Food Court, Slate Café, Concession Stands and C3 Convenience store. When you put between \$50 and \$149



on your card, you receive a 5% bonus, for \$150-\$249 you get 6% and 7% for over \$250. BurroBucks can be used in all the Dining Services locations as well as the Bookstore, vending machines, laundry machines and copy machines.

Access to buildings "after hours" with your BlasterCard has been implemented across campus and will become the standard for after hours building access.

Many local Golden businesses are interested in allowing BlasterCard transactions at their locations. Taking the BlasterCard to off-campus locations will be available this spring semester.

For more information about the BlasterCard, contact the BlasterCard office at (303) 384-CARD.



Fighting hunger.
Feeding hope.

The Castle of Cans Food Drive is an event, sponsored by Order of Omega, Student Activities and the Food Bank of the Rockies, that strives to raise awareness about hunger in Colorado and encourage the donation of nonperishable food and nonperishable foods for the holidays, while using the skills of engineering through the friendly competition of CANstruction.

Student groups, administrative departments, resident halls, academic department and community groups will form teams and try to collect as much food as possible.

Once the food is collected, teams will participate in CANstruction where teams will build a structure in one day. Teams do not have to partici-

Teams who collect the most food and build the best structures will win the competition. The goal is to raise 15,000 pounds.

CANstruction is the competitive portion of Castle of Cans and is designed to raise awareness about hunger in Colorado visually.

Registered groups will design and build a structure and come-up with a title and theme for their creation.

CANstruction Regulations

Only prepackaged cans and food items may be used. Any sized can (big or small) can be used in the structure. The structure must be self-supporting. Only cardboard or foam board (for leveling), rubber bands, and tape may be used, NO METAL. The cans/boxes cannot be harmed and their labels must

1st Annual Campus Wide Castle of Cans Food Drive November 18, 2005



Banking on Volunteers

Just a few hours a day can make the difference in the lives of hungry children, seniors and families throughout Colorado and Wyoming, as Barbara Miller discovered when she volunteered at the Food Bank of the Rockies.

"You leave tired, but it's a good tired because you're doing something worthwhile. We owe it to ourselves, and we owe it to the younger generations," Miller continued.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Food Bank of the Rockies, assisting in all aspects of warehouse, administrative and special events operations.

"When you come to the Food Bank and work, you're doing something for someone else. You don't think much

about your own problems," volunteer Betty Van Hook explained.

Last year volunteers donated 50,000 hours – the equivalent of 24 full-time employees, according to Olive Crawford, Manager of Volunteer Relations for the Food Bank. Volunteers save the Food Bank more than \$600,000 in personal wages.

"I enjoy volunteering. The employees here are very helpful, very nice. I think I am doing a good service for the community overall and I get a lot of good exercise," volunteer Jack Markey said.

Volunteers must be at least 14-years-old, and need to come dressed in clothes appropriate for a warehouse, including closed-toed, comfortable

shoes. Different types of volunteer jobs include distribution, break room hosts, office and reclamation.

Reclamation is a unique program to salvage food and household items damaged at the retail level. The program relies heavily on volunteer hours to put every item through a rigorous five-step inspection, sanitation and sorting process.

Volunteer hours are from Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., except on the last working day of each month. For more information about volunteering for the Food Bank, contact Crawford at 303.372.9250 ext. 236 or email volunteers@foodbankrockies.org.



pate in CANstruction rather teams can choose to just conduct a food drive.

Castle of Cans will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, on Kafadar Commons (or Ballrooms D & E if inclement weather). Teams must submit a registration form to Student Activities by Nov. 4, to participate. Space is limited for teams wanting to build structures.

Then on Nov. 18th starting at 7:00 a.m., teams can bring their canned food to Kafadar Commons (or Ballrooms D & E) where volunteers will be waiting to weigh the food. Total poundage will be recorded to determine winners. Teams can earn double pounds by donating "highly needed" items. Teams will then have until 2:00 p.m. to build their structures.

Highly needed items include baby food, cereal, macaroni, dried potatoes, stuffing mix, rice, canned fruit, meals in a can and peanut butter.

Up to 10 percent or more of the collected food will be given to needy members of the CSM community in Thanksgiving Day boxes, and the rest will be donated to the Food Bank of the Rockies.

remain intact and not be covered!! The structure must be built in a 7'x7'x7' area. The teams will have from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm to construct them. No pre-assembly is allowed.

The top five structures, decided by a panel of judges, will receive bonus pounds towards their total poundage collected. Other prizes will be given for the most creative structure and most technical structure.

Teams are encouraged to challenge other teams as means to collect more food.

Challenges are extra incentives for groups to collect the most food possible through friendly competition. Different groups will challenge other CSM student organizations, departments, local businesses or public schools to see who can raise more pounds of food by Nov. 18.

The stakes are high; being 2nd means carrying-out the agreed consequence for losing the challenge, such as wearing a bunny suit to class for a day, serving the winner pizza or ice cream, or even agreeing to shave a head. Challenges will be printed in the Oredigger newspaper.

For more information, contact Student Activities at 303.273.3970.

Putting Food on the Table

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Kids Menu allows the Food Bank to stock foods that appeal to children but are also nutritious.

Currently, 42 percent of those receiving food assistance through Food Bank of the Rockies agencies are under 18-years-old, with 12 percent under age five. Not far behind the children, are senior citizens. Nine percent of the people receiving food are senior citizens.

Denver's Table collects surplus prepared food from dining establishments throughout the city – food that would otherwise go to waste. Food Bank refrigerated trucks pick up and deliver the food daily to local agencies serving meals to people in need.

"The support and encouragement we get from the Food Bank of the Rockies really keeps us going. Without it, we would not be able to provide the same quality or quantity of food," Rachel Hernandez of Senior High Rise Food Bank explained.

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope is the central distribution program of the Food Bank of the Rockies, serving 900 hunger-relief programs in Northern Colorado and Wyoming.

"Colorado AIDS Project provides enough food for 98,000 meals each year to those whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS. We couldn't do it without the tremendous cost savings offered by Food Bank of the Rockies," Diane Cable of the Colorado AIDS project said.

Twenty-six percent of households served by the Food Bank's agencies report having at least one household member in poor health.

For more info about the Food Bank of the Rockies, visit www.foodbankrockies.org or call 303.371.9250.

Fast Facts on the Food Bank of the Rockies

- The Food Bank of the Rockies has been helping nonprofit hunger-relief programs feed the needy since 1978.
- The Food Bank serves more than 900 hunger-relief programs in Colorado and Wyoming.
- Children make up 42 percent of those who receive food from the Food Bank of the Rockies member agencies; 12 percent are younger than five-years-old.
- The Food Bank of the Rockies distributed 20.5 million pounds of food last year, enough to prepare 15.7 million meals, or 43,000 meals every day.
- 38 percent of people receiving food from member agencies must choose between buying food or paying for medical care.
- Every dollar contributed to the Food Bank enables them to provide enough food to prepare 4.5 meals to the hungry through participating agencies.
- Because of the generous donation of funds, food, and time, the Food Bank of the Rockies is able to provide assistance to more than 300,000 individuals every year through its member agencies.
- The Food Bank of the Rockies is a member of America's Second Harvest, The Nation's Food Bank Network.





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Arriving Shortly

Chase Hoffman

These next two weeks are drama filled. Some of them are bad, some are worth seeing. My big personal recommendation is *The Weather Man*. Also the romantic comedies coming out are better than average and are worth noting.



OCTOBER 21ST

Shoppgirl

Touchstone Pictures
Romantic Comedy/Drama, Rated R
Starring: Claire Danes, Steve Martin, Jason Schwartzman
Directed by Anand Tucker
Summary: Mirabelle begins to casually date to completely different men (Martin and Schwartzman) with the inevitable conclusion that she must choose between the two.
Impression: This is an interesting plot with a different dynamic to it. Instead of a lovey-dubey chick flick, we have a chance for some serious drama.

North Country

Warner Bros.
Drama, Rated R
Starring: Charlize Theron, Jeremy Renner,
Directed by Niki Caro
Summary: This is based on the story about Jensen v. Eveleth Mines. Marks the account of benchmark case of the first major sexual harassment case.
Impression: A nice inspiring story about rising against the hands of oppression. In this case, the hands of oppression that grab boobies.

Doom

Universal Pictures
Action, Rated R
Starring: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson
Directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak (also directed Romeo Must Die)
Summary: The marines go in to an abandoned lab where they did a bunch of genetic engineering. The marines start shooting the shit out of everything.
Impression: Do you want to watch

the whole in first person? I'd rather just play Halo.

Stay

20th Century Fox
Thriller, Rated R
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Ryan Gosling, Naomi Watts
Directed by Marc Foster
Summary: A therapist (McGregor) tries to learn about the strange behavior of one of his students. He discovers about his paranormal interactions with the dead.
Impression: This is a hard one to call. On one hand, it could be a mind-expanding thriller. On other hand, it may be better spent with your right hand.

Saw II

Lions Gate Films
Horror, Rated R
Starring: Tobin Bell, Lyriq Bent, Tim Burd
Directed by Darren Lynn Bousman
Summary: The Jigsaw kill set up some lethal trap with nerve gas and a combination lock.
Impression: Needless to say, people die. If you liked the first one, you will like this one a little less. If you didn't like the first one, then don't waste your money.

Prime

Universal Pictures
Romantic Comedy, Rated PG-13
Starring: Uma Thurman, Meryl Streep
Directed by Ben Younger
Summary: Rafi (Thurman) accidentally begins to date the son of her therapist (Streep).
Impression: Like Shopgirl, this has an interesting plot outline. Despite that, it will really come down the quality

Dreamer

DreamWorks SKG
Drama/Family, Rated PG
Starring: Dakota Fanning, Kurt Russell
Directed by John Gattins
Summary: Horse Trainer (Russell) has to shoot a horse the one day his daughter comes to watch the horse races. Instead of killing the horse, he lets it live and then loses his job. The daughter (Fanning) starts training the injured horse and races him herself.
Impression: What a lovely little story for young girls who loved ponies and horseys. Personally, I'd rather sniff glue.

OCTOBER 28TH

The Weather Man

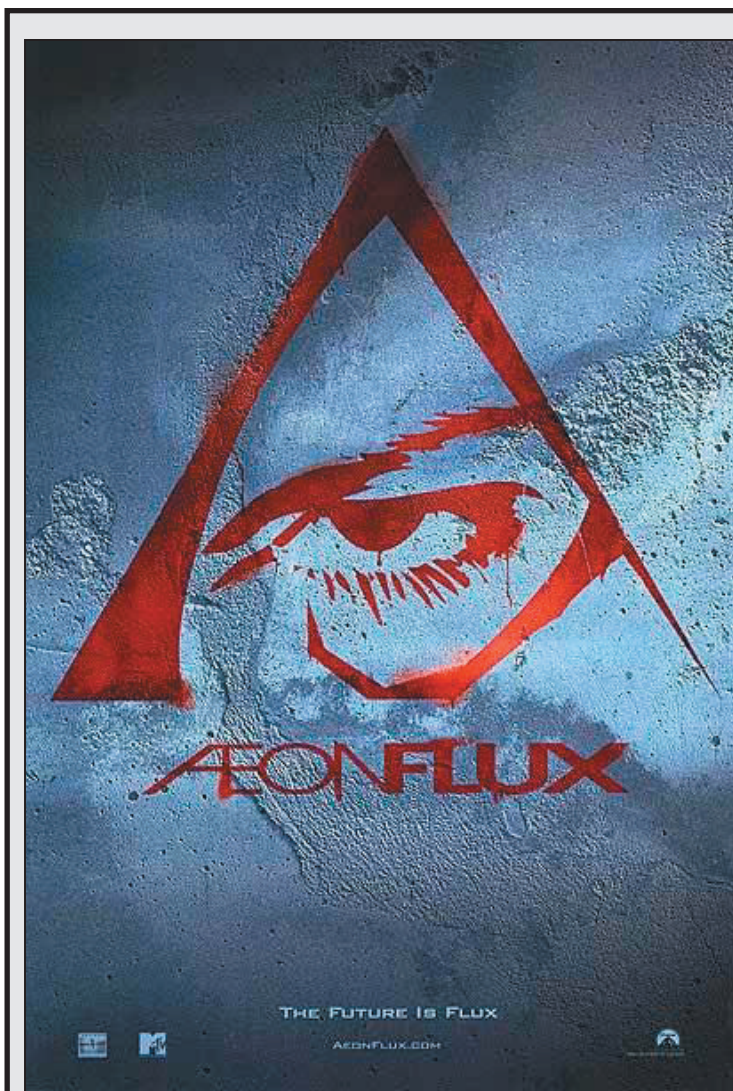
Paramount Pictures
Drama/Comedy, Rated R
Starring: Nicholas Cage, Michael Caine, Hope Davis
Directed by Gore Verbinski (also directed The Ring and Pirates of the Caribbean)
Summary: Meteorologist deals with personal and professional success in a strange mutually exclusive scenario.
Impression: Verbinski directs some good flicks and think he'll come through again. Look forward this fill the void for this weekend.



of the actors and how much you like.

The Legend of Zorro

Sony Pictures
Adventure, Rated PG
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Catherine Zeta-Jones
Directed by Martin Campbell
Summary: Zorro Returns!
Impression: If you love rope-swinging, sword-welding, maiden-stealing, Z cutting action, then this your movie. Also, the lovely CZJ is back on the silver screen which is always a good reason.



Featured Trailer

ÆON Flux

Chris Light

I don't presume to know anything about ÆON Flux or the MTV cartoon series of the same name on which this is based, and I don't care. Surreal future dystopias always pique my interest (*Brazil* is one of my favorites), the more bizarre the better, no matter how saturated the theaters are with them. But will this be anything special? Who knows. Fans of the series will probably have something to say about it, as it looks to be a very loose adaptation (from what little I have read).

I have no interest in watching the series as research for the movie. Computer Science may be one of my majors, but I don't really care for animé, or animé-inspired animation (which is the same thing to me). Just call me someone with social skills. I'll walk into this one based entirely on the preview. Unfortunately the preview sums things up all too well, making this look like a mindless visual overdose (like *The Matrix*) rather than a slick head trip (like *The Matrix*). It could appeal to everyone and be both, but Hollywood has been telling us what we want for years now, so I guess they know what we want.

The big names in this one:

Charlize Theron looking hot in the title role, and Frances McDormand having a really bad hair day. I don't recognize anybody else, but I'm also not as shallow as Chase so I could still enjoy this one. It doesn't matter when the CG effects belittle the actors onscreen anyways (a real pet-peeve of mine, in case anyone hasn't noticed). Since computers and computer graphics are here to stay, I simply ask that makers of films like this aspire to be innovative and bring something new to the audience that they haven't seen before.

Man, I just keep getting off track with this one. My first impression of this movie? It looks like a big budget smart no-brainer. Lot's of acrobatics to emphasize Charlize's perfect training and body, lot's of baddies to fight in wierder and wierder forms (killer grass?), and the obligatory oppressive government. Can we either get over that last one or get it right, please? Whatever. At least Charlize looks hot again. After *Monster* and the upcoming, dirt covered *North Country*, something skin-tight would fit nicely. Suit up this December.

Scared Enough to Try?

With Halloween only weeks away, many will try to conquer their fears of the own known when they venture into huanted houses throughout the state.

Everything from huanted mansions to crused corn fields will be available this Halloween for ghoats enthusiasts and chainsaw masochasts.

Check out these following haunted houses if you dare.

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Realm of Terror, 13 Street Manor
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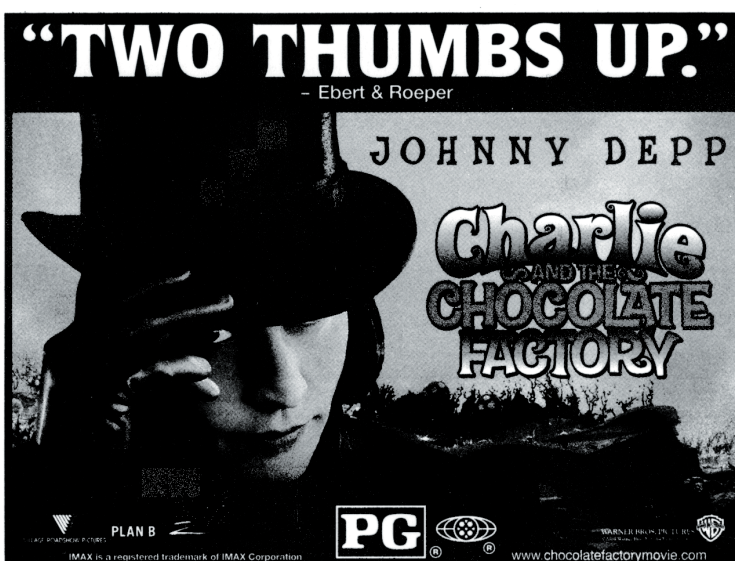
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Domino No Good

Chris Light

It's not fun swallowing my pride. It tastes as bad as the cafeteria food, and I'm sitting here with a heaping plate. For those of you who read my *Featured Trailer* on this movie, you know that I was very excited about this movie. I said it looked like a lot of fun. Keira fulfilled her end of the bargain. But Tony Scott went overboard. I mentioned previously that I love Scott's visual style. But *Domino* is too much of a good thing.

I loved the whole movie saturated in dirty yellow – to a point. I loved the fractured storyline – to a point. The insane editing is a lot of fun for a while, until you're suffering from lockjaw. When practically every other shot is not so much slow-motion but more a progression of blurry stills, it starts to affect you ("ever see that scene in *Scanners* where that dude's head explodes?").

Knightley's character development is adequate but lost in all the action. Mickey Rourke's legendary bounty hunter Ed Moseby could have used more attention, especially as a fatherly figure to Domino. Christopher Walken's TV producer seems out of place as a weak comic relief where none is needed. It doesn't matter, since names and events have been changed.

All these things coupled with a few other very annoying characters and a totally unnecessary Jerry Springer left me confused, like somebody had tampered with what was supposed to be a kick-ass movie. I know it's unfair to keep fingering Scott, but it seemed like he was imitating himself rather than being himself when he was calling the shots in post-production. Not the highest form of flattery.

Two for the Money Worth the Cost

Adam Eng

This one's for you fantasy football playing, sports loving, athletic movie goers out there. *Two for the Money* is centered on All-American athlete Brandon Lang, played by Matthew McConaughey, who spends all of his life training for the pros by studying teams and lifting 24-7. As fate would have it, he blows his knee in a college game and is stuck in a dead-end job. But his luck turns around as he discovers his great gift for picking winners. Guess all the studying paid off. His talent leads him to the big city where he works for Walter Abrams, played by Al Pacino, predicting the outcome of football games. But then it gets interesting, the pressures of big city life and a completely immoral boss tends to change things but I can't tell you anymore without ruining the movie.

What I can tell you is that this is one of the better movies I have seen in a while. Al Pacino and Matthew McConaughey are great together, especially when Rene Russo is thrown into the mix. This movie will, believe it or not, keep you on the edge of your seat, and you will see some interesting characters. Now I am a weight-lifting, football loving, fantasy-checking die-hard Broncos fan, so I may have a biased opinion...but come on, go see this one. You will not be disappointed. It will change the way you fantasy-football it up. If you are shying away from seeing this due to the fact that football isn't your thing, then please read Chris' article. He can't throw/catch a football to save his life but liked the movie.

Chris Light

Adam has to make himself feel big somehow, and throwing/catching a football is the best way to measure a man in that empty skull of his. He has to put on a game face. Maybe I feel there is more to life than putting down those that are more articulate than me and being able to out-bench everybody (I enjoy having a neck).

But enough about Adam...on to the movie. Actually, the entire preceding paragraph sets up the discussion for this review. *Two for the Money*, for me, was all about contrasts, two sides to every coin. For every winner, there is a loser. We start with Brandon Lang (McConaughey), a once promising young athlete whose future career was taken by an injury, making recordings on a football handicapping hotline in Vegas. He has a tiny cubicle, no real life outside working out in a small apartment. He is a loser. But his almost uncanny ability to pick the winners attracts the attention of businessman Walter Abrams (Pacino), running a sports advice firm in New York. Brandon takes the job, and the changes come quickly. With Walter's help, he transforms into John Anthony, his slick alter-ego and TV persona. Brandon loves being John. He's successful, popular, drives a fast car...he's a winner. But deep down, Brandon isn't John. They are two different people fighting for acceptance from the outside and inside. The pressure from Walter starts to build on him and suddenly he isn't picking the winners like he should.

But the one to really watch here is Pacino. Maybe he echoes his character in *The Devil's Advocate* a little, but this is more complex. Actually, I can't believe how long it took me to recognize how similar both are to *Wall Street* (okay, someone pointed it out to me...but don't worry, it wasn't Adam). But unlike Satan or Gordon Gekko, we aren't entirely sure about Walter's motives or morals from the get-go. He invites Brandon into his office, complimenting him, making jokes...his new best buddy. But stepping out of line once is enough for him to Brandon how ruthless he can be. He plays to win, and you had better play by his rules or you're out. The transition was so sudden I was startled, and captivated by seeing the flip side to Walter's coin.

Whether its underlying purpose is to or not, *Two for the Money* reminds us that sometimes we are all two people on the outside, but we can't deny what's on the inside. We all hit streaks, some good and some bad. But the only constant is change. Brandon experiences it, Walter experiences it (though it is more natural and part of the character). You certainly don't have to be a "weight-lifting, football loving, fantasy-checking die-hard Broncos fan" to learn something important from this film. The plot doesn't call the plays in this one. The characters do.

Reel Geek

A film geek writes about geeks on film

Jen Schneider

In my class "The Engineer and Scientist in American Film," I ask my students to see some good old movies, and they encourage me to see films I might never see otherwise. Below are reviews of their recent pick, *Army of Darkness* and of mine, *Zardoz*.

Students' Pick: *Army of Darkness* (1993)

A couple of my students brought *Army of Darkness* to class, and they were horrified that I hadn't seen or heard of it. *Army* is the third in the trilogy of *Evil Dead* films co-written and directed by Sam Raimi, who is most famous now for directing the *Spider-man* movies (the third in that trilogy should be released in 2007).

The movie follows Ash Williams (Bruce Campbell), an S-Mart employee ("Shop smart, shop s-mart") who has unwittingly unleashed the wrath of hell by messing with the Necronomicon, a book of the dead written in blood. Despite this rather ominous sounding beginning, the film is actually a comedy, featuring quotable one-liners ("Give me some sugar, baby," and "Take that, she-bitch,") and over-the-top fight scenes. It also forces one to ask: would having a chainsaw for a right hand be so bad, or would it be "handy"?

Normally, I wouldn't review a film from a trilogy without also seeing the other two, but in this case, I feel pretty comfortable winging it, since *Army of Darkness* is fairly true to the classic cult film formula. You've got your studly wise-cracking hero, a completely ridiculous plotline, and plenty of continuity problems that remind you you're watching a low-budget film.

In other words: you'll see this movie, you'll cringe, wince, and laugh. Then you'll begin to quote it, and you won't be able to stop, sort of like other movies I've reviewed for this column (*Napoleon Dynamite* and *Shaun of the Dead* come to mind). It



seems my students go for the quotable zombie flicks.

Speaking of things that won't die, *Evil Dead* has about a thousand incarnations—Raimi can't seem to leave it alone. There is *Evil Dead: Hail to the King* (2000), *Evil Dead: A Fistful of Boomstick* (2003), *Evil Dead: Regeneration* came out this year, and *The Evil Dead* is slated for release in 2006.

My Pick: *Zardoz* (1974)

Oh, there are so many reasons to

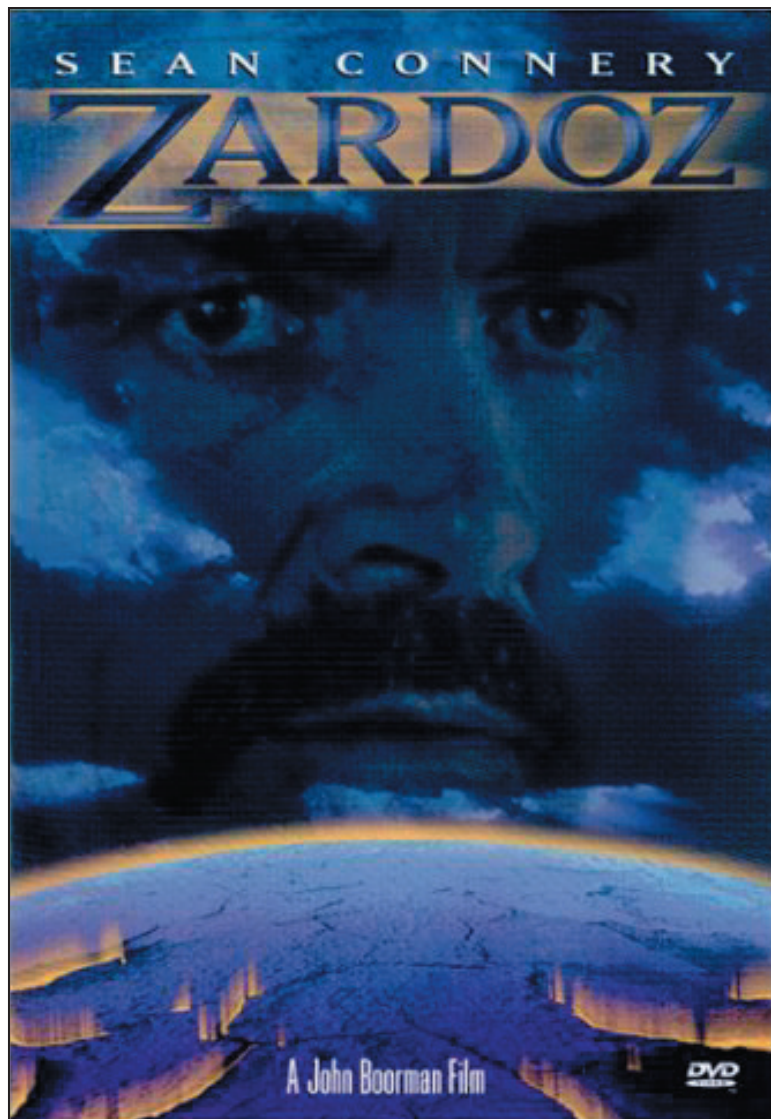
see this movie: a giant flying stone head, delivering barbarians to the land of milk and honey; psychedelic love scenes and freak-outs; and, perhaps best of all, Sean Connery in thigh-high boots and red satin briefs, riding horseback and shooting arrows at defenseless women and children.

No, it's not soft porn—it's a sci-fi flick featuring everyone's favorite Scot. Apparently things were a little slow for Connery after he wrapped up his role as James Bond in *Diamonds Are Forever* (1971), or maybe he needed a little extra cash to buy Christmas presents that year. Whatever the reason, one has to wonder why in the world this otherwise respectable actor agreed to star in this completely disreputable film.

Connery plays Zed, a "barbarian" living in a post-apocalyptic future; Zed works for a group of people who have discovered the key to immortality. These people are threatened by those who live outside their compound and who insist on living and reproducing the old-fashioned way. The immortals force slaves like Zed to hunt and kill the breeders. After trying to escape his duties, however, Zed breaches the immortals' compound and discovers that the immortals are actually miserable--living forever sucks, who knew?—and must figure out how to set the immortals free.

Zardoz is perhaps the quintessential cult film, though it doesn't endeavor to be comedic like *Army of Darkness* does. The message of *Zardoz* is actually interesting: it leaves us questioning our desire to live longer, to stay young forever, to question and know everything. But it's hard to get past the image of Connery in short pants in order to take that message seriously, and the special effects and plotline are so implausible that they become ridiculous, which is part of the fun of watching it.

Don't expect to find this one in your local Blockbuster—it's way too obscure for that. You'll probably have to get it online, say, via Netflix.



Letters to the Editor

All Quiet on the Western Front, Gone with the Wind, Love in the Time of Cholera, For Whom the Bell Tolls?

Haven't guessed? The book that has it all to take this title was written by a Mr. Theodore Geisel. When he wrote *Horton Hears a Who*, he called himself Dr. Seuss and had been known for books of rhyme and clever silliness for many years.

Because he chose simple language and brevity as media for expression and because delightful, fanciful illustrations were added it was assumed that the sole audience for this book – both actual and intended – was also children. And because it was in his best interest for marketing the book Ted Geisel allowed the assumption to stand. What is in this small narrative however, falls far from reaching its potential if read only by the age-challenged. What is it about this storyline that compels one so? Simply this. *Horton Hears a Who* has the agenda of an existential treatise. No analysis of existence that we have can be said to be any finer in its conceptualization of the issues around that subject. In Horton's journey to save a small Who village seated atop a rounded puff-like weed, Seuss explores whether the Whos actually exist. Beyond that, he explores such concepts as the right to existence as well as what constitutes sufficient proof of that existence and to whom. Horton then, as he travels, discusses with himself what one's possible responsibilities toward others' existence might be when it then intersects with one's own. When Horton begins to explore whether size matters in relation to that existential intersection and responsibility, that turns the book in the direction of two microcosms. The first is that of the parent-child relationship. The second, if size is thought of as either economic size or military size, becomes equally obvious: that of the hegemon to all the other nations of the world, of the developed nations to the developing nations.

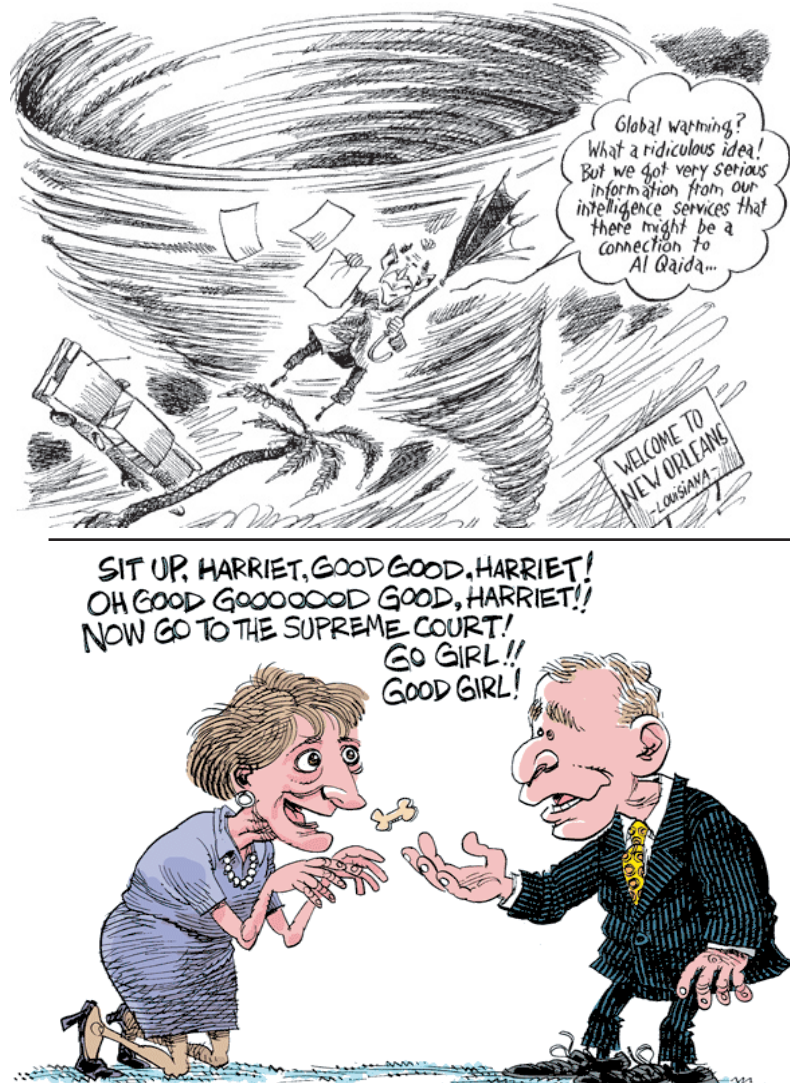
But Horton wants no more for his globe-like weed and its inhabitants (perhaps metaphorically, the inhabitants of the world's developing nations) than that they be let alone to live in peace without the hawkish, aggressive, and very much destructive interference of the monkeys and vultures in the story (perhaps the so-called "developed" nations?) who team up to torture the Whos and then, ultimately, who seek to end the Whos and their village, the existence of which they purport not to accept. Interesting to me is the intensity of the degree to which these characters were moved to utterly destroy that in which they feared to believe.

Seuss' volume then returns to its philosophical roots albeit in a different channel when it becomes clear what it is that will actually end the doubt in the minds of vultures and monkeys and allow them to believe without fear. And, in a succinct and miniature version of historical philosophical debates around the world, it is the senses of the vulturemonkeys which does it for them. When they too can *hear* the Whos, they can then and only then, believe in their existence (and allow themselves to be kind to them.) It was not enough that someone else heard the Whos, for they could feel complete comfort in telling themselves that Horton, the sensitive being hearing things they couldn't hear, was not sane like them (and of course, torture him too.)

Interesting as well is the petition toward democracy represented in the fact that the Whos could not be heard until every single one of them including the last, tiny, young Who was calling out loudly and strongly and in unison. Every single individual voice was important in the globe-weed of Seuss' Who world.

Existential analysis, biblical recapitulation, parenting guide book, narrative on international relations, and historical philosophical debate – I ask you, what other volume has as much to offer?

Carole Fotino



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The Editor's Corner

The recent actions of the Democratic Party have caused great concern among many liberals. While neo-conservatives seem to be dominating multiple levels and all three branches of government, many of today's "democrats" have fallen for Rove's one-issue voting traps. Such issues – notably abortion and gay marriage – cannot possibly be the most pressing issues of our time. As Bill Maher so appropriately remarked on *Real Time*, "If you don't like abortion, then don't have one!"

What on earth happened to public education and environmental safety as critical problems? Public schools may be labeled "failing" by the illustrious No Child Left Behind and one of the nations most sacred wildlife refuges may be polluted by money-grubbing oil magnates but, hey, abortion is, like, so much more important – dude.

The nation's democratic party needs to renew its social contract. The days of peaceable resolution and straight-forward policy disagreement are long gone. Today, politics has deteriorated to a baser form of operation.

Today, Americans are not a symbol of freedom but rather a symbol of oppression. Today, the free world is ruled not by a democratic government but instead by the highest bidder.

It is sorrowful that such degeneration has proceeded without introspective analysis. So, at a higher toll that analysis must now take place. American citizens must rely solely on personal values – not those dictated by religious or political leaders – to politically realign themselves.

Liberals must no longer be defined by their party affiliation. As many conservatives have dissociated themselves from the Christian-Right's new version of the Republican party, true liberals must break away from the sniveling Democratic leaders – whom, of late, seem to be afraid to arouse a ruckus.

Leaders like Barbara Boxer should serve as an illustration of what true liberalism is all about – know the platform, know the issue, know the players, and know one's true opinion. Once the aforementioned research takes place, get out on the front lines,

don't ever back down and don't ever give in. The only way social change can take place in this country – as millions feel as necessary – is if each one of those millions picks their head from the sand.

Citizenship is a privilege, not a right. Recent decades have left the majority of Americans with a lax perspective on political involvement. Consequently, America has become a nation of political pacifists. While many Americans have opinions, they believe them either too inappropriate or too trivial to discuss and disagree upon publicly. This viewpoint is absolutely frightening.

Countless citizens have died defending America. More accurately, these noble heroes have died defending the ideal of American freedom – their sacrifices must never be forgotten.

Today, it seems as if the majority of Americans take their citizenship and, thus, their freedom for granted. Allow a recapitulation – citizenship is a privilege, not a right.

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Championing the Future of Colorado School of Mines

Proposal: CSM should acknowledge, embrace, and extol the changes that have been developing over the past decades and proclaim a bold new direction for Mines for the 21st century. This should be done in parallel with the hiring of a new President, who would in turn give leadership to and champion this new vision.

Background: When I drove into Golden for my freshman year in 1957, I passed a sign on Route 6 proclaiming the Colorado School of Mines to be the "foremost school of mineral engineering". As such the school's mission was clear, focused and well understood by the students attending and the companies hiring the graduates. We were truly "shootin', fightin', dynamitin' mining engineers", well regarded and sought after, but mostly in selected industries in specific geographic areas around the world.

CSM is still that but much more than that today, and appropriately so! The world has dramatically changed. Mines is developing graduates not only for the "oil fields in Saudi Arabia" as it did in the past, but also for the high technology centers around the world as well. The complex and interdisciplinary challenges of today require a full range of technology disciplines as well as the managerial and economic understandings to deal

with them effectively. Mines has grown to embrace this challenge.

BUT...the entering freshman class still is highly regional in its makeup and graduate students are not beating down the doors for programs outside the mineral engineering disciplines. CSM is a world technology school in its academic offerings, but is still stuck in its mineral engineering past. The hiring of the next President should be done in parallel with a well orchestrated PR campaign clearly identifying the "new Mines for the challenges of the 21st century"!

Action: Here are some suggested action-steps.

1. Select a new President consistent with the skills, background, and capability to present and lead CSM as a "world technology school for the 21st century"

2. Augment the name of CSM by simply adding Technology (Colorado School of Mines and Technology, or CSM&T). The "M" stays on the mountain and is not replaced by a T! And yes, I know the South Dakota School of Mines has all ready done this and our Board has voted no. But South Dakota School of Mines & Technology did it for a good reason and you should reconsider. It is not changing the name but adding to it... a simple recognition of what has happened

and it the truth!! It would make it much easier to tell the "complete Mines Story" around the country and around the world!

3. Publicize the new direction of Mines across the country and throughout the world as not a change in what Mines is about, but boldly proclaiming what it has become in order to meet today's challenges.

4. Spend at least a year announcing, explaining and celebrating the new vision with the alumni, press, hiring companies, etc.

Conclusion: This is not a call to change Mines, so much as to recognize that Mines has indeed changed. CSM will always be "Mines" at its core with all the wonderful heritage that goes with that history. Our emblem was based on the shape of the tourmaline crystal, and when placed in the right environment of temperature, pressure, humidity, and (careful management) crystals grow without changing their core or basic character. This is what has happened at Mines. Let's celebrate that growth!

Bruce Henry
Met Eng 1961

Alumni Letter

At 20, I taught undergraduate courses in an experimental division of the University of Maine in Portland. In the 60s and early 70s when student involvement perhaps was at an all time high in US academia, a group of students petitioned the school administration and presented a unique set of credentials arguing that even though we were still students, some of us had excelled in certain fields of the arts and science and had expertise equal to or greater than someone simply who had an advanced degree. In that 60s liberal climate, our voices were heard and I became one of the youngest faculty in the history of the school. This is an example of what student involvement can accomplish.

With that as a mood setter, I of course wished to become active in other meaningful things as best as I could fathom. Thus, when the school's academic dean asked if I would serve as the student representative to pick the new college President, I eagerly volunteered. Now, armed with the unique perspective of student on the one hand, and teacher on the other, I sat in on what seemed like endless meetings over the course of some 12 weeks. It was almost a full time job and required serious dedication. My voice was heard, I thought perhaps naively, equally to others who sat at the prestigious table choosing arguably the most important person in the university for the next several years.

I recall an appropriate comment recently made by a Senator commenting on the significance of the appointment of the Justice of the Supreme Court, and I paraphrase: "Mr. Roberts, you will have a greater impact on the citizens of the United States in this generation and the next, than all the Congressman and Senators combined. Use your judgments wisely." This is how I see the importance of the next President of the Colorado School of Mines. He or she may influence the students more than any faculty mem-

ber by the environment and support system that they develop to promote the schools rich and varied departmental expertise. That they will have the ability to make these changes and have these influences does not mean that they will make them— it means that they will have the opportunity to do so. The College President is indeed an important position and students should become involved in choosing this person.

Choosing the college President can be done probably by spending \$399.00 and searching Monster.com. Look for "cool college President" or perhaps "College President who like dirt and rocks". Maybe there will be a hit. Choosing the right person for the job, however, requires one to think outside the box and think from the perspective of what is important to the students at school today, and try to anticipate what will be important to the future. The School of Mines is and can remain a world-class college. It can also deteriorate into a third rate school just as easily. What do you want the President to be like and what do you want the President to work for? Do you want an administrator who plays it safe or one who takes risks? Do you want a fund raiser or an intellectual who seeks to foster a rich academic environment for creative thought in various disciplines? Do you want someone who will continue to permit the erosion of the international student enrollment and participation or one who will actively promote an expanded international environment? Do you care?

There is no more important involvement for a student at Mines today than to actively voice your opinion about who should be the next President. They represent you and your future. Get involved and make your voice heard.

Roger Hutchinson, Ph.D.
Mineral Economics
Class of 1989

Nyikos Gets an "F"

As a faculty member, I take very seriously my responsibility to quantitatively evaluate student performance; I have read widely on the subject of assigning grades using a variety of metrics. Based on any rational evaluation criteria, the President of the CSM Board of Trustees (BOT), Michael S. Nyikos, gets an "F"! My reasons for assigning this grade are given below but I want to point out that there are some great "A" students on the BOT as well. This is literally true of the student trustee, Laurie Cornell, and figuratively true of Board members Terrance Tschatschula and John Coors (they come to class on time and turn in all of their assignments). As Mines students, you should be aware of the long-standing generosity of the Coors family to campus, through endowed Chairs in Chemical Engineering and Metallurgical Engineering and importantly, 10 ounces at a time down at "Coors Lab!" (There is a great EPICs project in trying to evaluate the monetary value of Coors Lab to CSM...)

So why does Nyikos deserve an F? Because he failed to read and understand the assignments, turned in the wrong problems on his homeworks, and got the lowest score of the class on the exam! Due to space limitations, I provide only a few examples of his poor performance, ones that are easily documented. Believe me, the list is extensive.

Title 23, article 41, section 105 (annotated) of the Colorado State Statutes provides that, "The board of trustees merely represents the faculty in granting of degrees." In the present brouhaha over the selection of the next President, member Nyikos has usurped the selection committee and excluded participation of faculty from the search committee – such action is highly irregular (equivalent to handing in the wrong problems). When confronted by the Faculty

Senate over his mistake (Faculty: "It looks to me as if you did the wrong HW problems.") his response was dismissive and lacking respect (Nyikos: "like Professor Dude, I mean I did like some homework – isn't that good enough?"). Clearly, someone doesn't understand the meaning of "merely represents the faculty."

CSM has a long and distinguished tradition of helping our great Nation secure and develop its resources. It being the 21st century, we need to appreciate what those resources are and how they should best be developed. Many Mines students want to pursue a traditional career path with an oil or minerals company, but many do not. Exciting opportunities in the pharmaceutical, medical, microelectronics, biotechnology, legal, environmental, software, and emerging nanotech industries are out there waiting for bright young CSM graduates to seize them. Our new President must have the broad vision to lead the campus towards realizing these opportunities. On October 3rd, member Nyikos is attributed in the Denver Post as saying, the BOT, " 'has enough horsepower' and connections in the energy industry to recruit excellent candidates." So it's a foregone conclusion that the next President of CSM will come from the energy industry? Perhaps there is a great candidate available there, but why limit ourselves? The exam question was, "Who should CSM get to be its next President?" Member Nyikos gave a very incomplete answer!

In fumbling through his various assignments, Nyikos has used the equivalent excuse of, "the dog ate my homework." He lamely claims (Denver Post, October 3rd) that, "we are completely cognizant of our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Colorado to manage the school." Fiduciary responsibility means the BOT has been "trusted" to manage the financial affairs of CSM. Let's look

at the numbers. Thanks to TABOR, CSM now has "enterprise status" meaning we receive less than 10% of our budget from the State. Where does the other 90% come from? You, the students! Rising tuitions, alumni giving, and research grants provide the vast majority of CSM's funding. Nyikos has alienated both the faculty and the alumni – both are on record with written complaints about how the Presidential search is being conducted. He was trusted with a responsibility to the taxpayers, certainly, but his main obligation is to you the students. During his Presidency of the BOT, the school has sharply increased tuitions while still having to spend millions in reserve funds. I guess Nyikos has a hungry dog because there seems to be quite a few assignments missing!

As students, you should be involved in decisions that affect the prestige and value of your degrees from CSM. You might ask yourselves why member Nyikos would prioritize 10% taxpayers over 90% students, faculty, and alumni? As a matter of fact, Nyikos served as vice president of student affairs and external relations at Mines from 1979 to 1989 before being replaced by Harold Cheuvront in that position (that is, Nyikos already flunked out once). In 2002, Governor Owens appointed him to the BOT (it's nice to have friends on the readmissions committee!). Once you come to a decision about what you feel is good for CSM, I encourage you to share it directly with the BOT through the email address: pressearch@mines.edu or with me at: jdorgan@mines.edu. Go ahead, take action and let your voice be heard. We all know Mines is a tough and rigorous school and that some people just can't cut it. One of the best ways to find out who is pulling their weight is through student evaluations!

John R. Dorgan, Ph.D.
Chemical Engineering

Presidential Search Process Wrong Way

I know that you are busy with the daily humdrum of campus life, tests to study for, homework to complete and a seemingly endless pile of reading. So I forgive you for not taking note of President Trefny's recent retirement. But I ask you for just a moment to take yourself back to the first time you set foot on this great campus, the first time you perused the stacks at Lakes Library, felt the gravity in Meyer Hall or just soaked up the sun with your colleagues on Kadar. I ask you to remember those feelings when considering the actions that the Board of Trustees (BOT) has taken in their effort to find a new leader for this great institution.

The BOT is to be applauded for their wise decision to not hire an outside search firm to help with the search. Recent history at this institution has shown that search firms are ineffective while being incredibly expensive. And one has a difficult time faulting them in their desire to see a quick and efficient search process that yields several viable candidates from which to pluck the proverbial cherry.

However, in the realms of academia, a rich tradition has been established. This tradition is based on the diverse voices to be found on a campus. And in the democratic ideal, academia believes that all of these voices should have an opportunity to be heard before critical decisions affecting the entire institution are to be made.

And this is where our dear Board of Trustees has run into a slight glitch

in their plan of action. You see, the Board, citing the mediocre results of the past two presidential searches on this campus has decided to act as judge, jury and executioner in appointment of our new leader. It has, in a highly unorthodox fashion, formed a search committee consisting wholly of the seven voting members of the BOT and the single *non-voting* student representative.

'Fear not', says the Board. 'Any interested party can have input into the decision making process by championing a candidate. Put forth your nominations for consideration. And furthermore, we have appointed liaisons to the various campus groups to keep them apprised of our progress.'

And the response from the interested parties...the faculty, the alumni, the department heads has been a resounding and well-documented cry of despair. A complete disapproval of the BOT's decision to dispense with the time honored process, whereby a search committee of interested parties is formed to evaluate the nominations, interview the candidates, and ultimately make an informed and balanced recommendation to the BOT. Of the campus constituencies only the students have remained silent. Perhaps this is because we have a BOT representative or, more likely, we are unaware of the situation and/or how to respond.

Do we have the luxury of not caring? Do we have the luxury of allowing the Board to sneer at academia's traditions? Unfortunately, the complexity of this matter goes beyond a

simple unconventional process that may yield a perfectly acceptable president.

What if the Congress of the United States had stepped forth after the 2000 election and said, "Since the last election didn't go so well, we are just going to appoint the President in 2004 instead of having elections." Absurd, but in essence isn't this what our BOT has just done?

Inherently, a decision made without consideration of all interested parties yields a decision representing the opinions of the few. But what are some of the unintended consequences of the Board's decisions? If you were a presidential candidate, what would you think of this situation? Would you be interested in the position knowing full well that the faculty, alumni, and department heads publicly spoke out against the method that gained you employment? Knowing that you would have to fight just to begin to earn legitimacy on campus?

And what of the faculty? Is it possible that some of the faculty will decide that it's not desirable to work somewhere where the faculty opinion is not valued? Where the traditions of academia are disposed of for the sake of convenience? Might they not begin to look elsewhere for employment? How easy would it be for the new president to attract quality faculty knowing of the current atmosphere on campus?

And then, of course, there is the legal question. Is the Board of Trustees' decision legal? Nobody disputes the fact the State has granted full authority

to the BOT to hire a new President. However, there are some legal questions floating out there.

Privacy is a big issue these days. No doubt, several of the agencies you are associated with have flooded you with their privacy statements. Sensitivity regarding privacy, the board claims, is part of the reason they have decided to conduct their search privately. They believe it will be impossible to protect the privacy of the potential candidates. That word might leak out that *so and so* is looking for a new job that might threaten their current position. And this concern is most certainly valid. But might this be a case of throwing out the baby with the bathwater?

Beyond the bathwater there is definitely a matter of law in question. The Board, being a state operated organization has a certain obligation to the citizens of this State to maintain relative transparency in their transactions. In fact, there is policy that governs this exact situation known as the Sunshine Laws. The law states that, "the formation of public policy in Colorado is public business and may not be done in secret." It also indicates that the Board must narrow its search to three "finalists". At this point the Board must make public the names of the three finalists for public scrutiny.

My understanding is that the Board plans to narrow the search to a single "finalist" and then make a single name public, effectively sidestepping this law.

And then we should look to the

precedent case of Mesa State College here in Colorado. The board claims that they are modeling their search on the presidential search conducted at Mesa State in 2004. Reviewing the minutes from the Mesa State's Student Government reveals debates similar to those occurring now here at Mines. This debate went as far as the District Court, as a matter of fact.

A journalism student, Megan Fromm, brought the case before the District Court. In her complaint she said that the Board entered into executive session to discuss the presidential search. After listening to the tapes of the session District Judge Amanda Bailey ruled that the Board of Trustees had indeed acted illegally. In her ruling she said, "The court agrees with the plaintiff that the legislature intended that one specific type of employment matter, that of establishing the procedures for hiring a college president, may not be decided in executive session by a search committee." She went on to say, "Colorado Law prohibits this type of evasion of public debate and scrutiny, where all meaningful discussion and decision occur behind closed doors."

So here we are one year later with our Board of Trustees apparently planning to repeat this illegal action. They have formed a search committee consisting wholly of the Board to discuss the presidential search behind closed doors.

I submit to you that it is up to the students of this institution in honor
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View from a Student Trustee

Last spring, I was elected to represent student opinions on the Board of Trustees. At the time, I believed that my term would consist of budget reports, and discussions of tuition increases. Little did I know that I was going to be party to one of the most important decisions that a Board makes during their tenure at a school. My dream of boring budget reports was shattered during the first board meeting in July when the Board informed me that I was going to be a member of the new presidential search committee.

During the first two Board meetings I did not fully understand the implications of the Board's decision to act as the search committee. The Board tried to explain the previous presidential searches to me, and they made it clear that the path that they had chosen was unorthodox, but I still did not realize that the Board's actions would soon have major consequences.

The first signs of dissent came from the Faculty Senate in a "Letter of Serious Concern." This letter was followed by memos from the Alumni Association and the Academy of Honorary Chairs. These campus constituencies expressed their concern about the proposed search process and questioned the Board's decision. The Board reacted to each new letter in a different way and we spent many hours discussing the concerns that were mentioned. I personally spent hours thinking about the rift that had formed on campus. I heard professors and students talking about the search process. These conversations lead me to believe that the overwhelming feeling on campus was that the Board's decision to act as the search committee was incorrect. Although many campus constituencies were highly opinionated, I could not formulate my own opinions on the issue.

My great confusion over the issue drove me to attend the Faculty Senate's forum on the presidential search in hope of gaining a better understanding of their stance. The forum caused me to question every decision that I had made up to that point. The professors expressed their opinions in an elegant, articulate and often angry manner, which forced me to evaluate my position. I left the meeting feeling that faculty opinion is important and that it should be represented more avidly in the search process.

Sadly, three days later I found myself engrossed in a conver-

sation about the confidentiality issues surrounding the presidential search. From that discussion I learned that Colorado has a sunshine law, which mandates that hiring processes like the current presidential search must be open to the public. The fundamental flaw with the sunshine law is that it doesn't account for applicant confidentiality. Therefore, the law places the Board in a difficult position because they must maintain the confidentiality of candidates, but they must also allow the process to be open to the public. My discussions with the Board have led me to believe that this predicament is a significant factor behind the Board's decision to act as the search committee. It should also be noted that under Colorado law the Board is specifically granted the responsibility and authority to hire the President of the School.

The Board has the ability, under the sunshine law, to conduct certain facets of the presidential search in closed session. This allows the Board to protect the identities of candidates, which will help maintain a competitive applicant pool. The Board does not want an accidental release of information that could damage an applicant's career or compromise the presidential search process. However, other aspects of the presidential search do not require confidentiality, and the Board is most eager to receive input from the Mines community in those circumstances.

Currently, I am still undecided concerning the composition of the presidential search committee. I see the merits of both sides' arguments, but I must also consider the possible flaws. This is a classic case of balancing valid, but competing, issues. Despite the recent controversy, it is ultimately my duty to consider student opinion and to express that opinion to the Board. In order to do this job, I need to know what students on campus feel about the search process. Therefore, I urge the student body to discuss these issues and formulate an opinion concerning the presidential search process.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Presidential Search or other information concerning the Board of Trustees, please contact Laurie Cornell at lcornell@mines.edu.

Laurie Cornell

Alumni Letter

Thirty years ago, CSM President Guy T. McBride, was a figurehead who lived a block down the street from my dorm (Caldwell Hall). Dr. McBride wore round wire-rim glasses and a Stetson, and his tall, lean figure was easy to pick out from afar. He enjoyed students. I remember his sage advice to the Freshmen Class at orientation, "KEEP UP with your daily work, because at Mines, if you fall behind, you will never CATCH UP." I passed that advice on to my son who is a freshman at Mines this year.

Dr. Trefney was also a personable president. I met him because he intentionally traveled. He gave local Alumni groups reasons to gather and retain an interest in their alma mater.

The President of the Colorado School of Mines must love the school,

and his enthusiasm for it must be contagious.

In my mind, the college president job is two-fold:

- 1) Finding excellent people to work at Mines, and then retaining them.
- 2) Finding opportunities to fund Mines research and expansion, sealing those deals, and leveraging the next deals.

The search process must be thorough, for the President is key to upholding the integrity and excellent reputation that Mines currently enjoys.

**Nancy Alexander
Class of 1976**

A View of the Presidential Search From the Fence

For those in the Mines Community who have yet to hear the whispers and rumors flowing throughout the campus, President John Trefny has announced his retirement. He will officially resign his duties as President of the Colorado School of Mines in July of 2006. Thus, the search for a new president is in motion. The power of appointing a new president is given to the Board of Trustees as stated by Colorado State Law. The Board is comprised of a panel of seven governor-appointed voting members, and one student-elected nonvoting member.

Several people in the Mines Community deem the previous search a failure. The Board of Trustees appointed President Trefny after one finalist, chosen by the search committee, declined the job. The previous search committee consisted of representatives from several organizations including the Faculty, Alumni, Board of Trustees, and an outside firm that specializes in candidate searches. This firm cost the school over \$100,000 and failed to deliver a president from the selected candidates. Members from numerous bodies from the Mines Community have stated that an outside firm is an unnecessary expense for the current search.

The Board of Trustees states that they are to decide who will be the next president, without assembling a large search committee. This decision causes much dissent among the Mines Community including the Faculty Senate, the Alumni Association, and the Department Heads. These groups feel that the committee assigned to find a new president should contain members from the their respective entities, as well as other sections of the campus. Thus, Mines is left with animosity over how the presidential search will be conducted.

According to some faculty members, the manner in which to conduct a search for a new president has been practiced since the formation of universities hundreds of years ago. The Faculty Senate drafted a resolution citing the "American Association of University Professor's (AAUP) Statement on Government and the Presidential Search Committee Checklist," stating that these "provide straightforward guidance on faculty/Board relations and the search process." The Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities states, "Joint effort of a most critical kind must be taken when an institution chooses a new president."

In addition, the Faculty Senate resolution states that the decision of the Board of Trustees has "disenfranchised CSM's most important stakeholders: it's students, its faculty and its alumni." The resolution went

on to assert that, "in addition to forming the heart of the university, these groups directly supply 70% of CSM's \$100 million annual budget through tuition payments, sponsored research and foundation income." Much of the CSM faculty feels that excluding these members from the search committee is inherently biased.

In a letter to the Board of Trustees the Alumni Association has also asked for a representative from the CSMAA to sit on the search committee. The Alumni Association stated,

We believe we can assist the trustees in the selection process. We can help the trustees in identifying potential candidates, checking references and bouncing ideas. We can also be instrumental in creating the critical acceptance and support required from the Mines community. We also believe that our role is consistent with and an intended consequence of the Joint Operating Agreements between the School and the Association. . . "That we petition the Board of Trustees to have a representative of the Alumni Association sit on the search committee for the president." . . . We realize that there will be legal and procedural limitations on our participation and we respect the trustees' right to determine the appropriate scope of our involvement. We respectfully ask the trustees to consider our request for a "seat at the table" and believe we will be able to make a valuable contribution to the trustees and to the School. With your approval, we would appoint a single representative to work with the trustees and we will observe and comply with the strictest protocol of confidentiality as determined by the trustees.

Clearly, the Faculty Senate and the Alumni Association wish to be directly involved with helping select the next president. On the other hand, the Board of Trustees views the presidential search in a different light.

*Disclaimer: The following comes from a phone conversation with Dr. Mike Nyikos, the president of the Board of Trustees, and thus cannot be taken as the opinion of the Board as a whole unless clearly stated.

Upon receiving the news of President Trefny's resignation, the Board of Trustees nearly unanimously decided to limit the search committee to a small group and eliminate any outside firm. They limited the actual search committee to Board members citing their legal obligation. The Board of Trustees also feels that if anything were to go array with the new president, they would feel directly responsible to the State of Colorado as well as the Mines Community. Dr. Mike Nyikos feels that the Board came to this position out of experience rather

than ignorance, and that the Board has literature from past searches as a starting point for this search.

Dr. Nyikos acknowledged that the hiring of a university president is different than hiring in the business world. Thus, the presidential search will be conducted differently than common business interviewing. Various members of the Board have been assigned to gather input from the different facets of the Mines Community. Some have been assigned to the student body, some to the classified employees and administration, and some to the faculty and alumni. The Board feels that they can gather better information by meeting in person with each of these groups as a whole, rather than having a single representative from the groups serve on a search committee. Lastly, Dr. Nyikos stated that the Board has not decided to exclude anyone. He feels that the presidential search is an "unfolding process, so it does not preclude asking for help outside of the Board."

A topic that both sides of the issue face is a statute of confidentiality. The Statute of Confidentiality in Colorado states that the names of the candidates cannot be released to the public until they have been declared "finalists." If there were to be a large search committee discussing candidates by name, each committee member would have to sign a confidentiality agreement. The names of candidates can only be released publicly if that person gives written approval to the search committee to do so.

As stated previously, the Board of Trustees has decided to forego a large search committee and take on those duties themselves. This leaves the Faculty Senate, Alumni Association, and other bodies of the Mines Community upset. These groups feel they are not represented in the selection of the next president. The Board of Trustees has issued a time line, presidential criteria, and the advertisement to go into national and international publications. They have also set up a webpage (<http://www.mines.edu/admin/president/search/>) to allow the community at large to nominate anyone they feel is qualified to be the next President of the Colorado School of Mines.

In the end it is clear that both sides of the issue desire the same outcome, a quality president who is charismatic, has a strong business sense, and skilled in academia. The fight remains in the process to go through to find this president. Until both sides of the issue can come together and find a common ground, the Mines Community will be at odds over the search for the new president.

Robert Applegate

Displeased?

Dear Editor,

This is simple. The Board of Trustees has a hidden agenda. End of story.

Ivar Reimanis

Defunct Presidential Search

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of our academic tradition to step forthand declare that we will not stand for this type of presidential search. We should demand that the Board of Trustees form a legal search committee consisting of members of the student body, the faculty, the alumni and the classified employees.

The Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines will be debating a resolution regarding this matter on October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Please join me in voicing our opinions, as the Constitution intended.

Kyle Fitzpatrick

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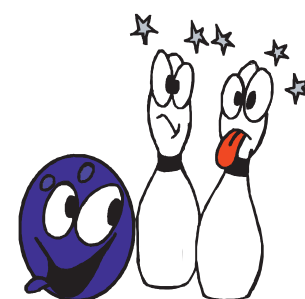
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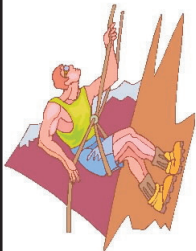
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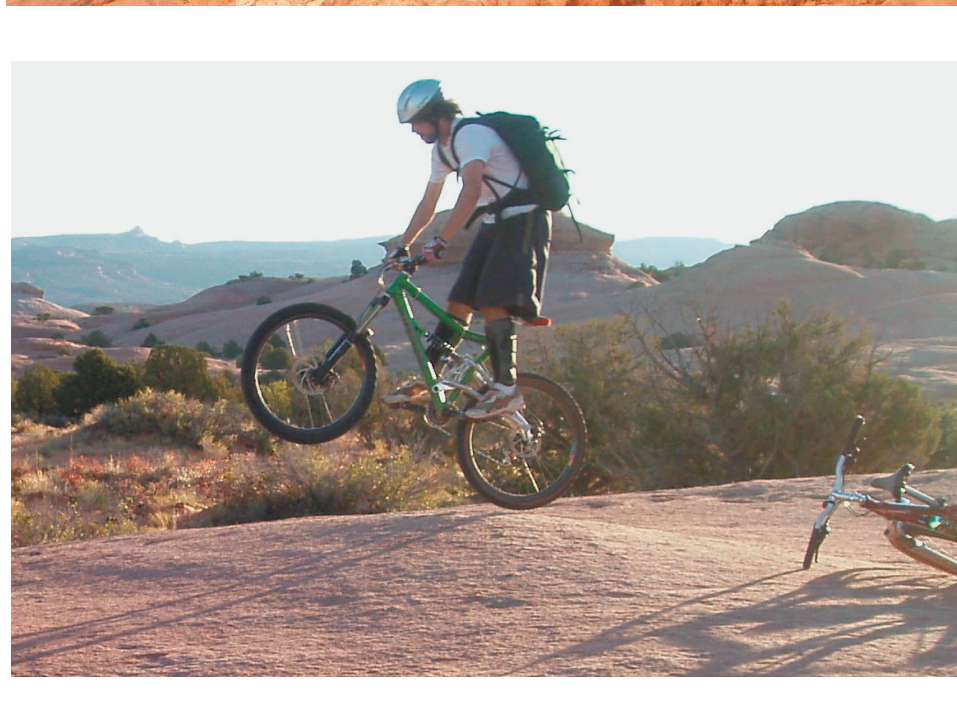
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CSM Pulls Off Close Win Against Fort Lewis

John Courtney
MinesInternetRadio

The Colorado School of Mines football team improved to 4-4 overall (4-1 RMAC) as it held off a furious fourth quarter comeback by Fort Lewis. The Orediggers defeated the Skyhawks, 42-41, on Saturday afternoon at Brooks Field.

CSM took a 42-20 lead with 7:04 to go in the game when senior quarterback Danny Medina (Pueblo, Colo./Pueblo South) hit junior running back Bryan Florendo (Crete, Neb./Crete) for a 55-yard touchdown strike.

However, the Skyhawks would go on to score 21 unanswered points to end the game and pull within 42-41 with 27 seconds to play when Matt Weaver caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Matt Gutierrez. However, Mikael Bjork missed the extra point and CSM recovered the ensuing inside kick and ran out the clock to preserve the win.

Medina finished 23-of-30 for 321 yards and one touchdown and also ran for two scores and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from Florendo, who ran 16 times for 43 yards and a score and caught four passes for 108 yards and a touchdown.

Senior wideout Justin Gallas (Westminster, Colo./Northglenn) had another monster day as he caught nine

passes for 133 yards and also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. In the process, Gallas became the all-time leader in receiving yards at CSM (3,304) breaking the old mark of 3,302

Highlands Ranch) tallied eight stops, 1.5 sacks and forced a fumble.

Gutierrez completed 19-of-32 passes for 353 yards and five touchdowns and also ran 23 times for 132 yards. Kris Ducey was the top receiver with five catches for 135 yards and two scores, while Richard Johnson produced a game-best 14 tackles.

The Mines defense has played inconsistent all year long. At times they've looked as if they can shut down any opponent, as they did in the fourth quarter against South Dakota. However, allowing teams to comeback has been a more common trend. In week 5, CSM was on the road at Chadron, and led 24-10 at the half. Chadron stormed all the way back to take a 26-24 lead late in the fourth quarter. Mines ended up winning the game, 27-26 on a field goal by kicker Aaron Abel, but the Mines defense must find a way to finish off opponents in the second half.

The next game for the Orediggers is, October 22, at New Mexico Highlands at 1 PM. That game can be heard live on MinesInternetRadio, radio.mines.edu.



set by Jonny Chan.

The Oredigger defense, which produced five sacks, was led by junior linebacker Luke Salmans (Hanston, Kan./Hanston) who recorded a team-best 10 tackles. Senior linebacker Jared Heath (Highlands Ranch, Colo./

Mines Falls to Nebraska-Kearney After Lead

John Courtney
MinesInternetRadio

Despite jumping out to early 14-6 lead in the first quarter, the Colorado School of Mines football team could not keep up with the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers, as they fell at home by a score of 35-24, on October 8. The loss was the Orediggers, first loss in a conference game in almost two years.

UNK (6-1, 4-0 RMAC) took a 6-0 lead eight minutes into the game as it marched 97 yards in 10 plays. Lopers quarterback, Marcus Goldenstein, hooked up with Richie Ross for a 4-yard touchdown pass, but the extra point was no good.

CSM owned the remainder of the first quarter and jumped to a 14-6 lead less than four minutes later when senior quarterback Danny Medina (Pueblo, Colo./Pueblo South) hooked up on a 68-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Justin Gallas (Westminster, Colo./Northglenn) and a 30-yard TD to sophomore wideout Michael Curl (Houston, Texas/Blinn JC). Although, those big plays in the first quarter were about as far as the Mines offense could carry the team that Saturday afternoon.

The Orediggers needed their defense to step up, and hold off the no-huddle offense of the UNK Lopers. However, the Lopers added a pair of scores in the third quarter to take a 21-14 lead at the half. Goldenstein found paydirt from 1-yard out five seconds into the quarter and threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Kyle Rupp with 5:03 to play

in the first half.

CSM sliced the deficit to 21-17 on a 19-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Aaron Abel (Cheyenne, Wyo./East), but UNK regained an 11-point

ers gave the Orediggers defense trouble all afternoon. It appeared that the Orediggers had trouble adjusting to the quick pace of play that was set by the Lopers. Additionally, it seemed that the Mines defense could not get the match-ups they were looking for against the Kearney offense.

Medina finished 25-of-45 for 353 yards and three scores. Gallas had three catches for 101 yards and a touchdown, while Curl hauled in five balls for 100 yards and a touchdown. Senior linebacker Jared Heath (Highlands Ranch, Colo./Highlands Ranch) posted 12 tackles, while junior linebacker Danny Sprague (Wheat Ridge, Colo./Wheat Ridge) posted nine. Goldenstein went 27-of-41 for 314 yards and three scores, while Rupp caught 10 passes for 173 yards. Jared Goodwin tied Heath for game-high honors with 12 stops.

A loss in this game certainly put the Orediggers out of playoff contention.

In Division II football the playoffs are determined by regional rankings, with the top six teams advancing to the playoffs. Going into the game against Kearney, Mines was not in the top 12 for the Southwest region, and with four losses they are a long shot at best in one of the toughest regions in the country.

To win the RMAC this year CSM must hope that Kearney loses two of their final four games, and CSM must win out.



lead (28-17) on a 73-yard scoring strike from Goldenstein to Rupp.

However, the UNK running game struck next when running back Jake Richards found the endzone from 12 yards out with 8:11 to play in the game to put the game out of reach for the Orediggers, 35-17. Medina hooked up with senior wide receiver Andrew Schmid (Loveland, Colo./Loveland) for a 5-yard touchdown pass late in the game to provide the final margin.

The no-huddle offense of the Lop-

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Colorado School of Mines is inviting all area children to attend its upcoming football game, November 5, 2005, against Adams State at 1:00 pm. Children have the opportunity to experience a college football game as The Colorado School of Mines hosts NCAA Football's 8th annual "Take A Kid to the Game" (TAG) program presented by Coca-Cola and sponsored by other Corporate Champions, Cingular Wireless and Pontiac. Kids, ages fourteen and younger, will receive a free ticket with the purchase of a full-priced adult ticket, to watch the Orediggers at Brooks Field.

Colorado School of Mines is one of more than 200 schools across the nation that are taking part in this campaign focused on allowing youth the opportunity to attend college football games. The Take A Kid to the Game program is entering into its tenth year in the promotion of collegiate

athletics.

Tickets for this special game, will become available the day of the game, (November 5, 2005) and can be purchased at the ticket booth at Brooks Field. For more information, contact Sports Information Director, Greg Murphy at 303-273-3095.

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Men's Soccer

11-3-2 OVERALL

4-2-2 RMAC

15th RANKED CSM MEN'S
SOCCER TEAM TIES REGIS
1-1 IN DOUBLE OTJoel Brauner
MinesInternetRadio

For the second game in a row, the Colorado School of Mines men's soccer team went into double overtime. This time, however, neither team was able to score in the extra periods. The Orediggers ended with a 1-1 decision against Regis University Sunday afternoon.

The first half of the game was dominated by the Orediggers, who out shot Regis 12-4. The Orediggers used an effective strategy of quick counterstrikes to create most of the scoring opportunities. Led by senior forwards Mike Dixon and Rafael Ribeiro, the Orediggers had many scoring opportunities but were not able to a ball in goal.

After a scoreless first half, both teams were able to get on the board during the second. Regis player, Travis Mitchell put the Rangers up 1-0, 20 minutes into the second half. Mines's Rafael Ribeiro (Colorado Springs, Colo./Palmer) answered

back just two minutes later tying it up 1-1.

The second half was better known for the physical play and ejections given out. Right after Ribeiro's goal, Mike Dixon for Mines and Chris Garcia for Regis were given matching red cards. The ejection of Dixon slowed down the Oredigger quick counterattack and the scoring opportunities of the first half disappeared after the ejections.

Ribeiro's goal was his third in just two games. After two overtimes, the decision ended in a tie.

The men's soccer team was ranked 15th in all of Division II to begin the week and ranked 2nd in their region behind Fort Lewis.

The tie puts Mines record at 11-3-2 overall and 4-2-2 in the Conference. Mines returns to action Wednesday when they will be on the road to face Colorado Christian, game time is at 3:30 pm.

Volleyball

15-6 OVERALL

8-5 OVERALL

VB Team Falls At Fort Lewis

The Colorado School of Mines volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision at Fort Lewis in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Saturday night. Game scores were 31-29, 32-30, 30-28.

CSM (15-6, 8-5 RMAC) was led by sophomore setter Ashley Pagel who amassed 37 assists, 17 digs and six kills. Senior libero Sarah Alsbrooks had a match best 30 digs for Mines.

FLC (8-13, 8-5 RMAC) was led by LeeAnne Greenwade who amassed 15 kills, and Teri Winfrey dished out 49 assists.



Alpha Phi Omega

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High Grade

Literary Mag. Accepting submissions for 2005 edition as well as new staff. Submissions, ?'s: highgrade@mines.

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Letter to the Editor

Search for President of the School of Mines

In my career background, I developed a friendship with the President of the University of Southern Utah in Price, Utah. He discussed with me the ingredients of his hiring in that his credentials did not match the normal concepts of a college president. He possessed a doctorate degree in business management and had worked in several jobs as a business manager for several universities on the East Coast. What the selection committee for filling the position of college president for USU looked for was someone who would always recognize that money and sports are important to colleges in Utah. My friend (whose name escapes me) was very skilled in developing and finding funding sources (often times these were not the normal processes used by many colleges) for maintenance and expansion of the college. My friend also went back East and recruited basketball players (all black) to move to Price, Utah and play for USU. This is a dominant white Mormon community with very conservative ideas about what happens when you mix white girls with black guys. The community decided that winning basketball games was more important than protecting daughters. Several mixed racial marriages resulted and contribute magnificently to that community.

The moral of this short story is that Mines produces engineers and scientists that have somewhat limited perspectives of how the world works. A good President will expand the curriculum to include courses that are fine arts to provide the students with ways to release the intense pressure of graduating from CSM. In addition, maybe recruiting some sports players who would have Mines winning in certain categories would impress Alumni that remember that Mines doesn't win very often (Alumni like to win once in a while, and they donate money). The attitude that Mines is the place where brains is far more important than brawn could use some changes to better address the fact that Alumni would like to brag once in a while that their Alma Mater is good in (some sport).

These are the skills that the next President of Mines should have:

- Can find and bring MONEY into Mines from diverse sources
- Will add a sports edge to the reputation of Mines
- Will offer students a tension release process by adding Fine Arts courses to the curriculum
- Someone who thinks "outside of the box" as to ways and means of enhancing the school
- Can not see or express gender in recognizing and honoring those professionals that graduate from Mines (the President could be a woman)

- Sell the United Nations on the values of Mines graduates in upgrading the economies of the world

These are the items of lesser value for a new President:

- Has a Doctorate degree in Engineering and Science
- Comes from another college or university that is like Mines
- Will maintain and protect the current environment at Mines
- Would want to continue the 'traditions' of Mines as the elite school for Engineers and Scientists
 - Mines should continue to always be known as the 'best damn school' that provides the world with Engineers and Scientists, yet insures that they are well rounded in economic skills and technical writing to help direct the world to a better environment

Bill Distel

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